

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
CIVIL MINUTES—GENERAL

Case No. **CV 24-731-DMG (DFMx)** Date **April 14, 2025**

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Present: The Honorable **DOLLY M. GEE, CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

**DEREK DAVIS**

Deputy Clerk

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Court Reporter

Attorneys Present for Plaintiff(s)  
None Present

Attorneys Present for Defendant(s)  
None Present

**Proceedings: IN CHAMBERS—ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY DEFENDANTS KIA CORPORATION AND HYUNDAI MOTOR COMPANY SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED FOR LACK OF SERVICE**

Plaintiffs have not filed proofs of service for Defendants KIA Corporation, formerly known as KIA Motors Corporation (“KC”) and Hyundai Motor Company (“HMC”). *See* Doc. # 47 at n.1. Defendants KC and HMC were first named in the original Complaint, filed April 3, 2024, more than a year ago. [Doc. # 1.] Defendant KC is a South Korean corporation with its headquarters located in Seoul, South Korea, and is the parent corporation of Defendant KIA Motors America, Inc. Compl. at ¶ 61. HMC is a South Korean Corporation with its headquarters located in Seoul, South Korea, and is the parent company of Defendant Hyundai Motor America. *Id.* at ¶ 67. South Korea, officially the Republic of Korea, is a signatory to the Hague Convention.<sup>1</sup> Since KC and HMC are foreign corporations in South Korea, Rule 4(f) and the Hague Convention govern service. *See Volkswagenwerk Aktiengesellschaft v. Schlunk*, 486 U.S. 694 (1988); *Brockmeyer v. May*, 383 F.3d 798 (9th Cir. 2004); Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(f).

Plaintiffs are **ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE** why Defendants KC and HMC should not be dismissed due to Plaintiffs’ failure to serve under Rule 4(f) and the Hague Convention. If Plaintiffs do not file a written response by **April 29, 2025** demonstrating good cause for the failure to effectuate timely service of process, Defendants KC and HMC shall be dismissed without prejudice.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

<sup>1</sup> For a listing of signatories to the Hague Convention on Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil Matters, *see* <https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=17>.